



Prayers from the **CHINESE CHURCHES**



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St. Paul's Church, Nanjing

Prayers from a prayer meeting held on Wednesday 18th July 2007

Opening prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank You for Your creation. We thank You for giving us air to breathe this day. We thank You for the love which draws us here to Your temple this day to worship You, to give You praise and thanks. We thank You that You redeem our sins and allows us to come before Your mercy seat with clean hands and hearts. We thank You for the mercy we receive from You, the grace we experience, and how You give us help at all times.

Holy Spirit, we ask You to fill each one of Your children gathered here, fill this Your temple, descend upon our gathering. We ask You, Lord, to remove all distractions, protect us from any attacks of the evil one, and send Your angels to surround and protect us on all sides, so that we may enjoy our Lord Emmanuel's blessings.

We lift up and place the following period of sharing in to Your hands, Lord. We place our petitions before You and ask You to sanctify them, seeing them as precious and showing us Your compassion. We also ask that You might clean and purify us to make us ready to be Your instruments, that You would reveal the meaning of Your word and send Your spirit of truth to help us, that thirsts might be quenched and hungers stilled. We ask these prayers in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Intermediate prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank You for protecting our time of sharing, for helping us to know Your will and walk in obedience. We ask You to help us to always hold the Lord Jehovah in awe and reverence, to be spiritually wise, to rely on the Lord's triumph beyond all measure in every kind of situation and circumstance we find ourselves in. We ask that You give us the wisdom we need to conduct our relationships with relatives, friends and colleagues well. We pray that we would at all times and in all places bring glory to God and be an asset to other people.

We now lift up the following period of intercessory prayer to You. We ask You to give us the power to intercede on behalf of others, allowing us with one heart and one mind to tug at the hand of the One who can bestow all favours.

We pray in Your name, O Lord, Amen.

Closing prayer

Lord, because You have paid the penalty, we now receive peace; because You were flogged, we now receive healing. We believe, Lord. We believe You have the power of healing. We pray in Your name and lift up all those brothers and sisters among us who are seriously ill, asking You to place Your hands scarred by nails on the places that hurt them, allowing them in faith to receive Your healing. Lord, in Your name, we ask You to also place Your hands on brothers and sisters who are wounded mentally or weakened spiritually. We ask You to comfort them, bind their injuries and dress their wounds, and let them rely on You, Lord, to grow stronger and braver, having the strength to face each new day.

Lord, we also lift up to You people in every place who are experiencing the disaster of flooding right now. We ask You, Lord, to make sure that they have food to eat and clothes to wear at this time. We also ask You, Lord, to give us a loving heart which cares for others as we care for ourselves, to regularly remember these people in our prayers, and to do as much as we possibly can to help them, that the love of Christ might fill the universe.

Dear Lord, we ask You to protect children and young people in every place right now, that they might spend meaningful school holidays and not in any way be swayed by harmful influences. May they always walk in paths of righteousness, and may there be opportunities for the Gospel to enter their hearts.

We also pray, Lord, for the work of constructing church buildings in ever place. We ask you, Lord, to prepare the human and material resources and everything needed for such work, especially in churches located in the suburbs and counties surrounding this city.

Finally, with one heart and one mind, we lift up our home, St. Paul's church, to You, Lord, and ask you to lead all our work, especially this season's lay training courses. May more and more middle-aged and young brothers and sisters rise up to serve and allow the house of the Lord to prosper, giving glory back to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We ask You, Lord, to send Your blessings and strength upon every brother and sister here before you now, allowing us all to come and go in peace.

We ask all these things in the name of the Lord. Amen.



Yangzhou City Church, Yangzhou, Jiangsu Province

from Sunday worship on Sunday 5th August 2007

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who loves us,
We give you thanks and praise.
Your grace is so wide and so deep.
Your love has once again called us to gather together here before your precious throne,
To tell of Your grace, to speak of Your ever-present love.

We ask of You, Lord, at this moment in time, to still our hearts and minds.
We ask You to support us with Your strong arms and guide us, Lord.
So that, standing before You, Lord, we may offer You our hearts and minds and sincerest worship.

Lord God, we thank You and praise You.
We send up our prayers to You, Lord, for our nation,
We ask You to bless her and extend Your grace upon her.
We ask that the leaders of our land would receive wisdom and strength from above, To run our country well and make her strong, prosperous and developed.

Lord God, we thank You and praise You.
We offer up our prayers for Your holy church now, Lord. That she would know the truth, that she would grow in truth. Lord, help us to be united in Christ.

Help us to love one another in Christ. May our Saviour Lord have mercy on us. Lord, for all those visiting us today from other places, We ask you to bless them and their work.
We place our gathering today, from its beginning to its end, in Your hands, Lord. We ask that You would walk among us today, Lord.

Dear Lord God, we also place in to Your hands the communion service we will share this day.
We lift up to you every brother and sister in Christ gathered here this day.
And we give all honour and glory to you, Lord.

Lord, we are unworthy to bring our requests to You in our own names,
So we ask these prayers in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Amen



Jinde Charities John Baptist Zhang

A Daily Prayer for Reconciliation

O Heavenly Father,
God of Compassion and mercy,
we are your people, and you are our God,
teach us to love you as well as love our brothers and sisters;
lead us to turn back to you as your Son Jesus shows others;
help us to forgive one another as you forgive us;
to understand others as you understand us,
to have compassion on others as you show compassion to us,
to reconcile with one another as you reconcile us through your Son Jesus.

Almighty God,
you know that, at the present time,
there is a division among your Chinese Catholics.
We are all brothers and sisters in you,
but we are like strangers to one another ...
God of life and of community
you created us, not in isolation, but in togetherness,
How painful you have experienced the division among your disciples!

O Lord, Jesus,
Son of the living God,
our dear friend and beloved brother:
teach us to love the Father as you love Him,
guide us to acknowledge our sins and limitations as you help others,
help us to follow you as your true disciples;
to act as your friends;
to make us a loving community as your brothers and sisters;
to unify us as one, as you and your Father, and the Spirit are one.
You have prayed for unity of your disciples and future believers,
you have reconciled many people to your Father and to one another,
so we plead you for grant us reconciliation and unity.

O Lord Jesus of *ren yi*,
our *jiuxing* (the Saving Star) and faithful God,
inspire us to seek reconciliation:
teach us to love our enemies as you love those who kill and torture you;
to rediscover brotherhood feeling in you as you show us the Trinitarian relations;
to trust in your mercy as well as to trust one another in your love;
to approach one another as you approach us.

O Lord Jesus, universal God,
God of all nations, all peoples and cultures,
come to elevate Chinese culture as you have purified the Jewish;
come to sanctify the Chinese *ren* as a universal *ren*;
come to overcome our Chinese limitations and narrow-mindedness;
for you alone can transfigure our human culture and virtue to divine.
Come to heal a world wounded by divisions,
for you alone can transform our hearts and make them one.
Lord Jesus, God of humankind,
the *jiuxing* of Chinese people,
you love us and protect our Chinese people,
reconcile us as one in a big Christian family and as one in you,
lead us to your kingdom now and forever.



Adapted From *A Future and a Hope*

God of many names,
Shangdi,
Tianzhu,
God of all peoples,
God of China

No great wall can keep you out
No great dam stop your love flowing.

From mountains to sea
in paddy field and city
you walk with your people
you see
smile
suffer
weep.

In you strangers become friends,
and so
we weep for China's pain
sing with China's faith
pray with China's people
hope for China's future.

Lord God of all peoples
Tianzhu
Shangdi

Amen